

REPORTS OF  
WILLIAMSBURG  
TOWN OFFICERS  
FOR THE YEAR

**1916**

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1917



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## WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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ARTICLE 1.—To elect three Selectmen who shall be Overseers of the Poor, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Elector under the Will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tax Collector, one Moderator, two Constables, two Auditors and one Tree Warden, all for one year. Also one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one Sinking Fund Commissioner, one Library Trustee and one School Committee, all for three years. Also to vote on the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?" Yes or no. All on one ballot.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and choose a Committee to expend the same.

ART. 4.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintaining street lights.

ART. 5.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the Town.

ART. 6.—To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

ART. 7.—To hear the report of Selectmen, Treasurer, School and other Committees, and act thereon.

ART. 8.—To hear the report of the Water Commissioners and act thereon.

ART. 9.—To fix the amount of the salary of the Tax Collector.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of School Physicians.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for building and repairing sidewalks.

ART. 12.—To see what action the Town will take relative to Fire Insurance on all its public buildings.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money in accordance with Chapter 707 of the Acts of 1914.

ART. 14.—To see what action the Town will take to raise and appropriate \$150, for the George Washington Memorial Building at Washington, D. C.

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will accept the legacy of the late Electa Wait.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will vote to raise the pay of teams working on the Town Highways.

ART. 17.—To see what action the citizens of Williamsburg will take to aid in defence of National rights.

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 293 General Acts of 1916.

ART. 19.—To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 59 General Acts of 1916.

ART. 20.—To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 153 General Acts of 1916.

ART. 21.—To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 240 (Section 1) Acts of 1916.

## Selectmen's Report

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*To the Citizens of Williamsburg:—*

Your Selectmen herewith present their report for the year ending December 31, 1916.

Your Selectmen were unable to carry out the vote of the Town in regard to the Grist Mill Bridge in Williamsburg for which there was an appropriation of \$1600—\$1100 in 1916 and \$500 in 1917—and the sidewalk on Main Street, Haydenville, for which there was an appropriation of \$1000, owing to the condition of the labor market. We had plans drawn but had no bids to do the work until after the First of October and we considered that was too late for good results. The bridge was repaired at small expense and it is now safe for travel.

### APPROPRIATIONS 1916.

Farm Bureau,	\$50 00
Highways and Oiling Road,	1,500 00
Contingent National Bank and Corporation Tax,	1,100 00
Poor,	1,400 00
Mothers' Pension Act 763, 1913,	600 00
Soldiers' Relief,	75 00
Fire Department,	200 00
Schools,	8,500 00
Library,	250 00
Interest,	1,000 00



Sinking Fund,	\$1,000 00
Hydrants and Water Tanks,	500 00
To Insure Public Buildings,	190 00
Street Lights,	1,856 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
School Physician,	100 00
Sidewalk on Edwards Street,	150 00
Sidewalk Repairs,	150 00
Preservation of Shade Trees,	100 00
Town Hall Chimney,	150 00
Grist Mill Bridge,	1,100 00
Haydenville Sidewalk,	1,000 00

### PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Under the provisions of Chapter 412 of the Acts of the year 1910 the expense of the poor for the past year has been as follows:—

Total amount expended for Pauper Aid,	\$1,306 25
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### AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$1,400 00	
Received for Subsidy Hospital		
for Consumptives,	28 57	
Received from State Board of Charity,	168 00	
Recived from Individuals,	51 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,648 32

### MOTHERS' PENSION—ACT 763, LAWS OF 1913.

Total amount expended,	\$1,116 00
Due from State, 1/3, \$372.00.	

### ALMONERS OF THE WHITING STREET FUND.

Amount received 1916,	\$290 00	
Balance from last report,	360 43	
	<hr/>	\$650 43

Paid 5 beneficiaries each,	\$5 00	
1 beneficiary,	34 05	
1 beneficiary,	15 00	
1 beneficiary,	52 50	
10 beneficiaries, each,	10 00	
1 beneficiary,	3 00	
1 beneficiary,	51 00	
	<hr/>	\$280 55
Balance on hand,		<hr/> \$369 88

### MAIN STREET SIDEWALK, HAYDENVILLE.

Paid Malcolm D. Patteson, plans,	\$14 70
Appropriation, \$1,000.	

### SPECIAL.

Paid W. M. Purrington, Insurance on school buildings,	\$140 00
Appropriation, \$190.00.	

### TOWN HALL CHIMNEY.

Paid Charles Church, labor,	\$14 30	
J. A. Swift, labor,	37 20	
R. F. Burke, Supplies,	3 91	
Bradford Lumber Co., Brick,	15 30	
	<hr/>	\$70 71
Appropriation, \$150.00.		

### SCHOOL PHYSICIANS.

Paid C. H. Wheeler, M. D.,	\$60 75	
J. G. Hayes, M. D.,	54 50	
	<hr/>	\$115 25
Appropriation, \$100.00.		

## ROAD DRAGS.

N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., freight on		
road drags,	\$3 02	
New England Machine Co., road drags,	96 00	
	<hr/>	\$99 02
Appropriation, \$100.00.		

## FARM BUREAU.

Paid out,		\$50 00
Appropriation, \$50.00.		

## SPRAYING.

Paid John E. Pierpont, spraying trees,	\$5 50
Appropriation, \$100.00.	

## REPAIRS ON SIDEWALKS.

Paid D. Chicago, Labor,	\$2 50	
H. H. Nichols, labor,	3 50	
W. H. Leonard, labor,	2 00	
A. J. Tilton, labor,	6 47	
E. J. Knox, labor,	3 26	
W. J. Sheehan, repairs,	30 28	
	<hr/>	\$48 01
Appropriation, \$150.00.		

## STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Mill River Electric Light		
Co., for electric current,	\$1,811 00	
Lamps,	73 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,884 00
Appropriation, \$1,850.00.		

## SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid George Cheney,	\$73 00
Appropriation, \$75.00.	

## GRIST MILL BRIDGE.

Paid Peter Alois, labor,	\$31 60	
M. D. Patteson, plans,	25 10	
James Stone, labor,	5 45	
Graves Bros., cement,	8 40	
	<hr/>	\$70 55
Appropriation, \$1,100.00.		

## EDWARDS STREET SIDEWALK.

Paid Dennis Brazil, labor,	\$18 00	
D. E. Atherton, labor,	22 50	
F. Loomer, labor,	12 00	
W. H. Leonard, labor,	20 00	
A. J. Tilton, labor,	27 00	
H. H. Nichols, labor,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$134 50
Appropriation, \$200.00.		

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Mill River Electric Light Co., for electric current and meter charge for Williamsburg and Hayden- ville Engine Houses,	\$18 30	
Haydenville Fire Dept., Services,	40 00	
Williamsburg, Fire Dept., Ser- vices,	40 00	
Chase and Coolidge, Fire Hose,	101 75	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., Freight on hose,	60	
Joseph Fontaine, labor,	15 44	
Goodyear Rubber Co., Supplies,	17 70	
T. P. Larkin, Supplies,	60	
Haydenville Button Co., Supplies,	90	
	<hr/>	\$235 29
Appropriation, \$250.00.		

## HIGHWAYS.

## HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

C. S. Damon,	John O'Neil,
H. H. Nichols,	G. H. Thresher,
F. A. Shumway,	J. E. Graves,
F. E. Sanderson,	W. H. Warner.

Paid William Warner, labor,	\$21 43
Harry Warner, labor,	54 28
Silas Snow, plank,	206 90
Barlow, Stockwell Co., grate,	6 00
John Molloy, labor,	2 50
W. H. Leonard, labor,	160 82
Charles A. Patch, labor,	8 75
H. H. Nichols, labor,	289 92
A. Tanner, labor,	50
H. H. Cranson, labor,	4 65
W. H. Harris, labor,	21 75
Byron Loomis, labor,	22 00
Dennis McSweeney, labor,	5 50
Edward Kearney, labor,	2 00
Mark Walpole, labor,	9 00
Henry Stone, labor,	50
H. H. Cranson, gravel,	6 20
A. E. Everett, gravel,	12 10
C. A. Maynard, shovels,	5 00
Orange Hill, gravel,	6 50
W. E. Shumway, labor,	5 50
John Ice, labor,	3 00
Allen Adams, labor,	13 00
John Shebeck, labor,	4 00
F. W. Thayer, supplies,	5 01
Thomas Meekins, gravel,	3 70
W. H. Riley & Co., pipe,	2 87
Robert Mathers, labor,	4 00

Paid M. Chajick, labor,	\$12 00
G. H. Bisbee, labor,	3 75
F. Merritt, labor,	30 25
C. K. Merritt, labor,	63 60
Jesse Trask, labor,	29 75
F. A. Brooks, expressage,	60
G. L. Damon, team,	1 00
Robert Rice, labor,	4 25
Carl Hemenway, labor,	6 00
Wendall Clary, labor,	2 00
Fred Hemenway, labor,	45 15
George Bayon, labor,	15 00
Justin Hemenway, labor,	2 00
Mrs. F. Loomis, gravel,	40
Dennis Brazil, labor,	54 44
Louis Gay, labor,	6 00
William Hayden, labor,	5 63
James Stone, labor,	31 50
Myron Lawton, labor,	1 00
E. P. Hemenway, labor,	100 52
E. J. Knox, labor,	11 25
John Kenney, labor,	2 00
Ernest Guilford, labor,	41 00
G. H. Rood, labor,	68 20
P. Burdo, labor,	9 88
Thomas Dolan, labor,	15 24
F. L. Guilford, labor,	23 62
H. C. Ranney, labor,	7 30
G. H. Warner, labor,	20 00
Pay Roll for oiling roads,	263 58
T. E. Breckenridge, coal,	15 39
A. J. Tilton, labor,	226 58
A. Bartofsky, labor,	47 69
Roger Lloyd, labor,	1 00
H. G. Hill Co., gravel,	2 90
John Wade, labor,	49 00
Leon W. Shumway, labor,	51 75

Paid J. J. Handfield, labor,	\$4 35
Charles Wade, labor,	19 00
A. L. Towne, labor,	2 50
J. R. Mansfield, coal,	4 56
F. A. Shumway, labor,	109 10
G. A. Thresher, labor,	256 97
Graves Bros., supplies,	5 00
S. H. Nash, labor,	6 00
F. A. Shumway, posts and railing,	27 50
F. E. Sanderson, labor,	128 25
Thayer Mfg. Co., bridge joists,	61 00
H. E. Bradford, labor,	6 75
John Burke, labor,	7 00
John O'Neil, labor,	26 00
John Kenney, labor,	1 00
William O'Brien, labor,	3 25
Haydenville Co., sign boards,	1 00
D. E. Clary, labor,	22 13
Charles Dadman, labor,	1 87
Alvin Payne, labor,	5 00
Lewis Stephens, labor,	3 75
M. H. White, bridge stringers,	24 00
Charles Trefthorn, labor,	8 00
Frank Loomer, labor,	88 00
Peter Coyer, labor,	10 00
J. H. Graham, labor,	9 00
New England Road Machinery Co., scraper blades,	9 00
James B. Welch, labor,	2 25
J. Edwin Graves, labor,	54 80
Richard Dunphy, labor,	2 00
R. F. Burke, supplies,	27 37
M. N. Adams, labor,	13 50
W. W. Warner, labor,	5 50
Alton Warner, labor,	2 40
Bradford Lumber Co., lumber,	28 56



Paid James Loud, labor,	\$9 00	
Mrs. Helen N. Hinds, gravel,	25 20	
D. E. Atherton, labor,	72 00	
John S. Lane Co., crushed stone,	39 45	
H. Goodwin, gravel,	2 50	
Penn. Metal Co., culvert pipe,	37 92	
	<hr/>	\$3,331 03

## AVAILABLE FOR HIGHWAY.

Appropriation,	\$1,600 00	
Street Railway Excise Tax,	630 85	
Street Railway Franchise Tax,	810 17	
Received from State Highway Com- mission,	7 63	
	<hr/>	\$3,048 65

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Paid T. I. Breckenridge, coal,	\$4 00	
H. H. Nichols, Meat Inspecting,	41 00	
E. W. Goodhue Expenses to Boston,	12 60	
Lawrence Molloy, Milk Inspecting,	3 00	
G. M. Bradford, Auditor,	5 00	
Hobbs & Warren, Register Books,	4 12	
T. P. Larkin, Auditor,	5 00	
Lawrence Molloy, C. S. Damon, H. H. Nichols, Perambulat- ing town lines,	17 00	
Lawrence Molloy, Expenses to Boston, Stripp case,	6 00	
Lawrence Molloy, Sundries,	4 00	
M. T. Cook, Ballot Clerk,	6 50	
Lawrence Molloy, Expenses to Boston,	8 83	
John Noble, Ballot Clerk,	13 50	



Paid Edward Kearney, Ballot Clerk,	\$3 50
Harry Warner, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
Hubert Smith, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
James Dunn, Ballot Clerk,	13 50
George Dolan, Ballot Clerk,	13 50
Wells G. Bisbee, Ballot Clerk,	7 00
John Mathers, Ballot Clerk,	13 50
Williamsburg Fire Dept., Ser- vices,	17 10
O'Donnell & O'Donnell, Profes- sional Services to Selectmen,	3 00
G. H. Warner, Expenses to Boston,	10 00
H. A. Smith, Expenses to Boston,	10 00
Haydenville Fire Dept., Services,	30 75
Herald Job Print, Postals, tally sheet, etc.,	19 50
Cecil T. Bagnall, Dog License book,	1 21
Dr. C. H. Wheeler, Fumigating,	3 00
Harry Hosford, Elector,	10 00
Hobbs & Warren, Application forms,	80
A. W. Brownell, Supplies,	8 70
Nora Shea, Injuries received Sept. 6, 1915,	100 00
F. E. Sanderson, Wood,	3 25
J. A. Breckenridge, Inspecting animals,	38 00
John W. Mason, Professional service to Assessors,	3 00
C. H. Chase, Transfers,	5 25
J. R. Mansfield, Painting Signs,	2 00
C. V. Molloy, Typewriting,	1 00
G. W. Wright, Shoveling snow,	9 00
S. Ellis Clark, Bolting elm trees,	2 00
J. H. Bregant, Bolting elm trees,	8 75

Paid Lawrence Molloy, Warden,	\$7 00
O. W. Hill, Ballot Clerk,	7 00
John Trainor, Ballot Clerk,	10 00
Edward Larkin, Ballot Clerk,	10 00
C. W. Warner, Ballot Clerk,	7 00
E. C. Miller, Ballot Clerk,	10 00
Henry W. Hill, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
W. H. Thayer, Warden,	10 00
H. E. Bradford, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
Stephen Burke, Registrar,	10 00
John L. Brown, Forest Fires,	5 50
John J. Trainor, Special Police,	5 00
Murtie O'Brien, Special Police,	5 00
Warner Nash, Special Police,	5 00
Burton Dobbs, Special Police,	5 00
E. S. Prescott, Check Writer,	25 00
Gazette Printing Co., Reports and Ballots,	77 50
Metcalf & Co., Printing,	12 00
Wm. M. Purrington, Insurance on Library,	8 93
M. R. E. L. Co., Lamps for Clock Tower,	1 80
Frank Paul, Trimming trees,	15 21
W. J. Sheehan, Stove, etc.,	4 35
Mrs. W. Weeks, Labor,	2 50
Roger Budd, Trimming trees,	14 50
M. E. Riley, Registrar,	10 00
Henry W. Hill, Registrar,	12 00
Wells E. Bisbee, Registrar,	10 00
E. C. Miller, Trimming Trees,	8 10
Henry W. Hill, Ballot Clerk,	3 00
W. H. Leonard, Ballot Clerk,	6 50
H. H. Nichols, Ballot Clerk,	6 50
Howard Pomeroy, Ballot Clerk,	6 50
C. H. Wheeler, Ballot Clerk,	3 00

Paid Lawrence Molloy, Expenses,	\$14 94
O. W. Hill, Police Officer at Primary,	3 00
Stephen Burke, Ballot Clerk,	6 50
P. O. Hollenbeck, Repairing lights on Haydenville Clock Tower,	1 40
Lawrence Molloy, Police Officer,	7 00
Henry W. Hill, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
W. M. Purrington, Bonds for Tax Collector,	60 00
Ivers Johnson Co., Police Badges,	6 08
G. H. Warner, School Committee,	75 00
Lawrence Molloy, Chairman Selectmen and Overseers of Poor,	125 00
F. A. Brooks, Moderator,	10 00
H. P. Goddard, School Committee,	75 00
H. H. Nichols, Selectman,	100 00
W. H. Thayer, Selectman,	100 00
H. A. Smith, School Committee,	75 00
J. R. Mansfield, Abatements 1913 taxes,	70 48
C. M. Brewster, team and auto to fires,	12 00
W. M. Purrington, Assessor,	60 00
J. R. Mansfield, Tax Collector 1913,	125 00
C. S. Damon, Postage and Ex- press,	1 02
C. S. Damon, Copying valua- tion for state,	10 00
C. R. Damon, Assessor,	50 00
C. S. Damon, Assessor,	50 00
O. W. Hill, Police,	100 00
Bertram Dobbs, Police,	66 00

Paid H. E. Bradford, Water Commissioner,	\$50 00	
F. W. Thayer, Lock and keys for Town Hall,	2 12	
O. W. Hill, Telephone,	16 00	
Fred Vining, Inspecting meat,	62 50	
H. W. Hill, Town Clerk and Treasurer,	175 00	
H. W. Hill, Sundries,	2 60	
H. W. Hill, Death and Birth Returns,	15 50	
H. W. Hill, Recording Births, Marriages and deaths,	34 90	
B. L. Dobbs, Sealer of weights and measures,	8 00	
B. L. Dobbs, Setting up stove,	1 50	
B. L. Dobbs, Telephone,	5 03	
F. White, Ballot Clerk,	3 50	
W. H. Thayer, Sundries,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,390 32

## AVAILABLE FOR CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$1,100 00	
Corporation Tax,	543 59	
Bank Tax,	588 05	
Smith School,	511 01	
Reimbursement of Taxes,	9 76	
Sundry Licenses,	46 00	
Inspection of Animals,	19 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,817 91

LAWRENCE MOLLOY,  
HALLECK H. NICHOLS,  
WALTER H. THAYER,

Selectmen of Williamsburg.

# Report of Sinking Fund Commissioners

FEBRUARY 17, 1917

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Feb. 17.	Cash,	\$727 22	
	Interest,	31 78	
	Coupons,	560 00	
	Town Treasurer,	1,000 00	
		<hr/>	\$2,319 00

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Paid Haydenville Savings Bank two			
Williamsburg Water Bonds,	\$2,060 00		
Accrued interest,	20 17		
Balance of cash,	238 83		
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## TOTAL ASSETS.

Sixteen Bonds, Williamsburg,	\$16,000 00		
Cash in Haydenville Bank,	238 83		
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Signed, BYRON LOOMIS,

HENRY W. GRAVES,

WILLIAM A. METCALF.

## Assessors' Report

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Total Valuation of Assessed Estate,	\$1,220,040 00
Value of Assessed Real Estate,	913,790 00
Value of Assessed Personal Estate,	306,250 00
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Value of Assessed Buildings,	609,700 00
Value of Assessed Land,	304,090 00
	<hr/> \$913,790 00
No. of polls assessed,	580
No. of residents assessed on property,	327
All others (corporations, etc.),	59
No. of non-residents assessed on property,	73
All others,	23
No. of persons assessed on property,	482
No. of persons assessed on poll tax only,	318
Rate total tax per thousand,	\$21 50
No. of horses assessed,	244
No. of cows assessed,	358
No. of neat cattle assessed,	206
No. of sheep assessed,	28
No. of swine assessed,	56
No. of fowls assessed,	2,009
No. of dwelling houses assessed,	424
State tax,	\$2,400 00

State Highway tax,	\$265 00	
County tax,	3,292 21	
Town grant,	20,815 00	
Overlayings,	575 02	
	<hr/>	\$27,347 23
Northampton Street Railway Excise Tax,		\$630 85
Bank and Corporation Tax,		1,131 64

#### VALUE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Literary Institutions,	\$67,500 00	
Church Property,	53,900 00	
Petticoat Hill Park,	1,500 00	
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Estimated value of Public Buildings,		
Water Works, Fire Apparatus,		
and Sinking Fund,		\$135,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. DAMON,

CHARLES R. DAMON,

WILBUR M. PURRINGTON,

Assessors of Williamsburg.



## Report of Library Trustees

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The Trustees of the Haydenville Public Library beg to make the following report:

The number of patrons and withdrawals of books remains about the same as last season. About 150 new books have been added to our library making the present number about 2700.

Every reasonable care has been taken to ensure the purchase of books that are the most desirable and worth while.

We would call attention to the fact that the library building has had a fresh coat of paint this past year. This coming year the rear room in the building will have to be replastered and the entire room repainted at an estimated cost of perhaps \$20.00.

It may seem a little strange to the public to learn that one of the greatest troubles in the management of library affairs is in maintaining order among the boys and girls while the library is open for the withdrawal of books. It has been found necessary to have either the Constable or one of the Trustees present.

This obviously should not be so. Parents are earnestly urged to counsel their children on their good behavior while in the library, both to assist the librarians in their work and not to annoy those who are selecting books. The Trustees are now considering plans for the opening of the library three evenings a week, both for the with-



drawal of books and the use of the building for a reading room. This will involve a little more overhead charge but no larger appropriation because papers and magazines, up to a certain amount, will be bought instead of books.

The Financial Report is as follows:

Town Appropriation, \$250.00.

Paid H. R. Hunting Co., books,	\$117 54	
Bridgman & Lyman, books,	8 39	
Harper & Bros., books,	33 50	
G. P. Putnam's Sons,	1 90	
E. Cyrus Miller,	36 65	
Wm. J. Sheehan,	77	
T. H. Ives, Librarian,	20 00	
Mary Hickey, Asst. do,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$228 75

T. H. IVES,

GEORGE M. PAGE,

E. CYRUS MILLER,

Trustees.

# Water Commissioners' Report

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## RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand last report,	\$742 53	
Received for water rents,	2,557 59	
service connections,	33 00	
from town for hydrants		
and water tanks,	500 00	
for use of pump,	1 00	
lumber,	25 18	
meter.	84 00	
interest on deposits,	21 78	
	<hr/>	\$3,965 08

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Norwood Engineering Co.,	\$6 50
J. Russell & Co., iron,	33 93
F. W. Thayer, supplies,	15 43
Foster-Farrar Co., supplies,	17 20
W. J. Sheehan, supplies,	3 50
Bradford Lumber Co., lumber,	63 40
Horatio Bisbee, cement,	169 60
The Haydenville Co., supplies,	18 20
Gazette Printing Co.,	3 00
New England Plumbing,	
Supply Co., iron pipe,	29 21
W. H. Riley, lead pipe,	3 96

Paid E. A. Porter, land damage,	\$15 00
Metcalf Co., printing,	4 08
B. L. Dobbs, plumbing,	14 40
E. Cyrus Miller, expenses,	2 25
George A. Thresher, care of reservoirs one year,	42 05
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R., rent of crossing for water pipe,	1 00
H. E. Bradford, labor and sup- plies,	61 90
Lewis Cranson, labor and sup- plies,	96 06
George A. Thresher, labor and supplies,	217 93
W. H. Harris, labor,	30 75
John Molloy, labor,	8 75
Edward Carney, labor,	2 00
Joseph Fontaine, labor,	2 00
Oscar Colburn, labor,	41 50
Wells Bisbee, labor,	54 45
Fred L. Guilford & Son, labor,	128 26
W. H. Hayden, labor,	24 25
Merril Ames, labor,	28 00
John Kenney, labor,	41 50
John Riley, labor,	2 00
Frank Loomer, labor,	19 50
J. J. Handfield, labor,	9 20
J. Delcamp, labor,	66 94
Albert LaFleur, labor,	22 00
Edward Miller, labor,	13 50
Charles Weeks, labor,	6 00
Myron Lawton, labor,	4 00
Edward Guyott, labor,	4 00
George Harris, labor,	2 00
Majcie Chapior, labor,	71 25
Lewis Stephens, labor,	5 00

Paid S. A. Clark, labor,	\$13 87	
Frank Montgomery, labor,	4 25	
Frank Paul,	4 00	
Peter Almizia, labor,	14 00	
Charles Church, labor,	14 00	
William O'Brien, labor,	8 00	
Henry W. Hill, Treasurer,	2,200 00	
Balance cash on hand,	301 51	
	<hr/>	\$3,965 08

GEORGE A. THRESHER,

H. E. BRADFORD,

E. CYRUS MILLER,

Water Commissioners.

# Treasurer's Report

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## RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report,	\$5,030	32
Received Tax Levy of 1913,	441	63
Tax Levy of 1914,	1,060	82
Tax Levy of 1915,	3,579	15
Tax Levy of 1916,	22,503	25
Income Collins School Fund,	901	80
Income State School Fund,	968	92
Whiting Street Fund,	290	00
Temporary Loans,	25,000	00
Western Mass. Highway Loan,	7	26
Refund of Dog Tax,	122	54
Tuition of State Wards,	454	04
Tuition City of Boston Wards,	309	75
From State for High School,	500	00
Supt. of School Fund,	350	00
Teachers' Fund,	275	00
Industrial School Refund,	511	11
State Corporation Tax,	543	59
National Bank Tax,	588	05
For Reimbursement of State Aid,	518	00
Reimbursement of Tax losses,	9	76
Compensation Inspection of		
Animals,	19	00
Street Railway, Franchise Tax,	810	17
Street Railway Excise Tax,	630	85

Received Burial of Soldier,	\$50 00
Subsidy from Trustees of Hospi- tal for Consumptives,	28 57
District Court Fines,	90 00
From Individuals on Pauper Ac- count,	57 75
For Support of State Paupers,	168 00
From Town of Chesterfield, Tui- tion,	275 00
Town of Worthington, Tuition,	25 00
Town of Goshen, Tuition,	25 00
Town of Tunbridge, Vt., Tuition,	18 00
Miss Rena B. Taylor, Tuition,	7 00
Rent of Grange Hall,	35 00
Rent of School Hall,	6 10
Rent of School Land,	5 00
Rent of Town Hall,	8 00
Water Commissioners,	2,200 00
Sale of old Plank,	2 00
Interest on Deposits,	254 47
Interest on Taxes,	132 86
Liquor Licenses,	801 00
Sundry Licenses,	46 00
Soldiers' Exemption,	33 07
Individuals on Chapter 763,	22 00
	<hr/> \$69,714 83

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid State Tax,	\$2,400 00
County Tax,	3,292 21
Temporary Loans,	25,000 00
School Site Loan,	700 00
Concrete Bridge Loan,	250 00
On orders of School Com- mittee,	12,697 53

## Paid Selectmen, Highways and

Bridges,	\$3,331 03
Contingent Account,	2,390 32
Street Lights,	1,884 00
Pauper Account,	1,306 25
Fire Department,	235 29
School Physicians,	115 25
Library,	228 75
Whiting Street Fund,	280 55
Edwards Street Sidewalk,	134 50
Haydenville Sidewalk,	14 70
Repairs on Sidewalk,	48 01
Spraying trees,	5 50
Hampshire County Farm	
Bureau,	50 00
Gristmill Bridge, Repairs,	70 55
Soldiers' Relief,	62 00
Road Drags,	99 02
Town Hall Chimney,	70 91
Insurance,	140 00
Hydrants and Water Tanks,	500 00
Smith Industrial School,	1,002 14
Under Mothers' Pension Act,	1,116 00
Interest on Water Bonds,	2,000 00
Interest on Loans,	1,299 50
Sinking Fund Commissioners,	1,000 00
Memorial Day,	50 00
State Aid,	436 00
District Court Fees,	77 65
$\frac{1}{4}$ Liquor License Fees to State,	200 25
Repairs on State Highway,	265 00

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 \$62,752 91

Balance in Treasury,

6,961 92

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 \$69,714 83

## INCOME FROM COLLINS SCHOOL FUND.

Dividend on 20 shares of Northampton National Bank Stock,	\$260 00	
Dividend on 20 shares Hampshire Co. National Bank Stock,	100 00	
Dividend on 20 shares Mechanic National Bank Stock,	120 00	
Dividend on 21 shares First National Bank of Greenfield,	210 00	
Dividend on 21 shares First National Bank of Northampton,	147 00	
Interest at Haydenville Savings Bank,	64 80	
	<hr/>	\$901 80

## INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Haydenville Savings Bank,	\$1,187 00	
Trustees Meekins Library,	112 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,299 50

## AVAILABLE FOR INTEREST.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Received Interest on Deposits,	254 47	
Received Interest on Taxes,	132 86	
	<hr/>	\$1,387 33

## STATEMENT OF WATER DEBT.

Water Bonds,	\$50,000 00	
Less Sinking Fund,	16,238 83	
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Balance,	\$33,761 17	



## TOWN ASSETS.

Balance in Treasury,	\$6,961 92	
Due on Tax Levy, 1914,	1,588 44	
Due on Tax Levy, 1915,	3,312 87	
Due on Tax Levy, 1916,	4,855 98	
Due on State Aid Account,	436 00	
Due under Mothers' Pension Act,	372 00	
Due on Industrial School Acct.,	501 07	
Sinking Fund,	16,238 83	
Balance,	35,754 89	
	<hr/>	\$69,650 00

## LIABILITIES.

Due J. R. Mansfield, 2 years salary,	\$300 00	
Due George Dansereau, 1 year salary,	150 00	
Due Haydenville Savings Bank Tax		
Loan,	13,000 00	
Due Haydenville Savings Bank,		
School Site Loan,	4,200 00	
Due Meekins Library Trustees, Con-		
crete Bridge Loan,	2,000 00	
Water Bonds outstanding,	50,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$69,650 00

## TEMPORARY LOAN ACCOUNT.

Balance from last year,	\$13,000 00	
May 5. Loan in anticipation of rev-		
enue H. S. B.,	25,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$38,000 00
May 5. Paid H. S. B., balance		
1915 Loan,	\$13,000 00	
Dec. 26. Paid H. S. B., on 1916		
Loan,	10,000 00	

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Feb. 23. Paid H. S. B., on 1916

Loan,	\$2,000 00	
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Balance outstanding,		\$13,000 00
Bridge Loan, outstanding,	2,000 00	
School Site Loan, outstanding,	4,200 00	

## STATE AID ACCOUNT.

George H. Ames,	\$72 00	
Ellen Ames,	48 00	
Henry A. Bisbee,	48 00	
Warren A. Flagg,	48 00	
Henry H. Hitchcock,	48 00	
Henry S. Leonard,	48 00	
Jane Richardson,	48 00	
Olive Warner,	48 00	
Annie M. Rice,	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$436 00

Paid January,	\$38 00	
February,	38 00	
March,	38 00	
April,	38 00	
May,	38 00	
June,	38 00	
July,	38 00	
August,	34 00	
September,	34 00	
October,	34 00	
November,	34 00	
December,	34 00	
	<hr/>	\$436 00

## STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSES.

78 males at \$2.00 each,	\$156 00	
4 females at \$5.00 each,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$176 00
Less Fees,		16 40
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Paid County Treasurer,		\$159 60

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL, Treasurer.

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AUDITORS' STATEMENT.

WILLIAMSBURG, MASS., Feb. 24, 1917.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Water Commissioners, Sinking Fund Commissioners and School Committee, and find them correct and properly vouched for, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

THOMAS P. LARKIN,

G. M. BRADFORD,

Auditors.

# Town Clerk's Report

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## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1916.

January	3. Joseph Golash.
	10. Apollonia J. Stephnek.
	18. Richard Francis Burke.
	22. Victoria Angustowski.
February	16. Nellie May LaFleur.
	16. Wladislawa Lesczyorski.
March	17. Mary Rose Allaire.
	18. Magdalene Terese Nietsche.
	29. Wellington Daniel Clary.
April	2. Oscar Donald Lawton.
	5. Frank Golosh.
	15. Frederick Wells Goodhue.
	19. Boleslas Lyntner.
	26. Stephania Jestjyck.
May	4. Donald Joseph Fontaine.
	16. May Jeannette Moffitt.
	16. Stanislas Zisk.
June	14. Clara Agnes Lupine.
	17. Reta Mary Fontaine.
	18. John Samos.
July	1. Wesley J. Ames.
	2. Joseph Taradena.
	12. Doris Louise Taylor.
	19. Earl Francis Bond.
	24. Aloysius V. Michalowski.

August	4.	Stanislas Golash.
	13.	George Karl Rustemeyer.
	20.	Reta M. Prince.
	26.	Anina Koptka.
	26.	Chester Bai.
September	3.	Stephania V. Naumowicz.
	7.	Stanislas Bednosz.
	15.	Stanislas Woznecki.
	18.	Maude Adeline Osmore.
	25.	Joseph R. LaMagdalaine.
	28.	Rose Perfido.
October	18.	Helen Elizabeth Ducharme.
	17.	John Rathynski.
	18.	Carleton James Nash.
	28.	Chester Malec.
November	27.	Stanislas Batura.
	28.	Bronislava Czereska.
	29.	Stanley Raymond Childs.
December	15.	Julian Stephanek.
	15.	Alexandra Stephanek.
	27.	Frances Rose Miller.
	28.	Janette Baker.

#### MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1916.

January	24.	Stefan Syankowski, Easthampton.
		Annie Kulush, Haydenville.
February	8.	Earl Howard Lawton, Williamsburg.
		Nellie Louise Miller, Williamsburg.
	13.	Evangelos Raptas, Haydenville.
		Maria Founta, Haydenville.
March	27.	Aristides Dontoros, Springfield.
		Haleny E. Mitsopoulos, Haydenville.
	7.	Edward J. Miller, Williamsburg.
		Nellie M. Smith, Williamsburg.

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| April     | 12. Stanley Howard Nash, Williamsburg.<br>Alice Nellie Strippe, Williamsburg.         |
|           | 27. Andrew H. Breckenridge,<br>Williamsburg.<br>Ruth L. Coddington, Williamsburg.     |
| June      | 5. John E. Walsh, Haydenville.<br>Mary Byrnes, Northampton.                           |
|           | 6. Eugene Raymond Sylvester,<br>Williamsburg.<br>Marion Lena Damon, Williamsburg.     |
|           | 10. Leon G. Osmore, Williamsburg.<br>Elvera M. Cross, Williamsburg.                   |
|           | 13. Philip Burdo, Jr., Williamsburg.<br>Exilda La Valley, Northampton.                |
|           | 25. Fred J. Vining, Haydenville.<br>Catherine F. Hogan, Haydenville.                  |
|           | 28. James F. Stone, Williamsburg.<br>Leah Greenwood, Northampton.                     |
|           | 28. Charles Stanley Bartlett, Wilton, N. Y.<br>Myrtle Ethel Coddington, Williamsburg. |
| July      | 10. Patrick J. Murphy, Haydenville.<br>Julia T. Coughlin, Amherst.                    |
| August    | 2. Ralph Norman Graves, Williamsburg.<br>Isabel McFarland, Conway.                    |
|           | 21. Joseph Matuszko, Haydenville.<br>Nellie Matyjer, Haydenville.                     |
|           | 29. Gilbert Warren Cross, Cummington.<br>Mary Cordelia Warner, Williamsburg.          |
| September | 14. Angelo Frank, Haydenville.<br>Stefanie Sachar, Haydenville.                       |
|           | 25. Frederick George Dewey,<br>Northampton.<br>May Wenzel, Northampton.               |

- October      2. Roger W. Wells, Williamsburg.  
Maude E. Damon, Williamsburg.  
7. Charles Douglas Cameron,  
Waterbury, Ct.  
Catherine Mary Shea, Haydenville.
- November    6. Mateusz Kayder, Haydenville.  
Catherine Matyja, Haydenville.  
25. Charles H. Baggs, Williamsburg.  
Mary E. Wright, Boston.  
26. Demetrios K. Karagavelos,  
Haydenville.  
Baselike N. Katsagani, Haydenville.  
27. Kaspar Golec, Haydenville.  
Katarzyna Pietluck, Haydenville.
- December    17. Spiros G. Platkithas, Haydenville.  
Bictoria Karamoropolou, Haydenville.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1916.

Date	Name	Age, Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Jan. 3.	Catherine Daley, widow of Daniel	85	8	15
Jan. 7.	Albert Lucius Hayden,	68		10
Jan. 19.	Daniel Emrick,	84	1	
Jan. 21.	James Paul,	7	11	28
Jan. 22.	Henry Vernon Loomis,	60	3	29
Feb. 3.	Margaret E. Ryan,	29	8	22
Mar. 10.	Lucy B. Williams, widow of George	75	3	27
Mar. 12.	Joseph Page Davenport,	78	5	13
Mar. 20.	William H. Riley,	62	7	24
Mar. 29.	Martha Jane Herrman, widow of Chas. F.	80	4	13
Apr. 13.	Imogene Doolittle Thayer, widow of Wales P.	66	1	29
Apr. 15.	Atheton Talbot Peterson,	39		8
May 16.	Stanislaw Zisk,			2 hrs.



Date	Name	Age, Yrs.	Mos.	Days
May 19.	Katie Ziske, wife of John	32		
May 21.	Jeannette Vera Laflamme,		11	17
June 15.	Julia Baggs,	85	9	28
June 30.	Alphonse Fontaine,	68	3	
July 4.	Nellie Jane Warner, wife of Fred W.	60	10	19
July 16.	Joseph Taradenia,			15
July 31.	John Demerski,		5	2
Aug. 7.	Harriet Isabel Hosford, wife of Chas. L.	75	8	6
Sept. 2.	Leon G. Osmore,	25	10	22
Sept. 13.	Thomas Hudson Gladden,	94	7	5
Oct. 15.	William Maddock Weber,	72	2	2
Oct. 15.	Eleanor Curry, widow of Thomas J.	61	11	4
Nov. 4.	George Francis Warner,	69	11	28
Nov. 10.	Carlton J. Nash,			23
Nov. 15.	Sidney Prudden De Martin,	74	4	9
Nov. 18.	Frank Golosh,		7	13
Nov. 21.	Michael Ryan,	85		11
Dec. 10.	Clymena Jane Vance, widow of Martin V. B.	76	3	4
Dec. 14.	Abby Elder Belcher, widow of John W.	86	8	20
Dec. 14.	Bennie Lintner,		8	24
Dec. 19.	Lucy Adams Damon, wife of Geo. L.	68		
Dec. 29.	Nellie Cross,	17	6	12
Dec. 31.	Eugene B. Cross,	41	6	21

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL,

Town Clerk.



# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

## TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

FOR THE

Year Ending January 1, 1917

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NORTHAMPTON, MASS.  
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# Report of School Committee

For the Year Ending January 1, 1917.

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We hereby submit our annual report, including reports of the Superintendent, Music Teacher, Truant Officers and Committee.

The High School has been in session forty (40) weeks and all others thirty-six (36) weeks.

The year's expenses have been paid with the exception of a few small bills that have not been presented and there is a small balance in the treasury.

The buildings are in good repair and no extensive outlay will be necessary for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. WARNER,

H. P. GODDARD,

H. A. SMITH.

School Committee.

# Treasurer's Report

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## AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS.

Town Appropriation,	\$8,500 00
Collins School Fund,	901 80
Income from State School Fund,	968 92
Tuition of State Wards,	454 04
City of Boston Wards,	309 75
Superintendent's and Teachers' Fund,	625 00
State Aid for High School,	500 00
Refund of Dog Tax,	122 54
Tuition from Town of Chesterfield,	275 00
Worthington,	25 00
Tunbridge, Vt.,	18 00
Rena Taylor,	7 00
Goshen,	25 00
Rent of School Hall, A. Bailey,	6 10
Received of J. H. Graham, Rent of land,	5 00
Rent of Grange Hall, one year,	35 00
	<hr/> \$12,778 15

## EXPENDITURES.

Teachers,	\$7,549 10
Fuel,	921 53
Books and Supplies,	482 77
Repairs,	400 93
Music,	442 13

Janitors,	\$836 00	
Superintendent,	750 00	
Transportation,	844 50	
Sundries,	217 77	
Electric Current,	22 65	
Cleaning,	31 00	
Teachers' Retirement,	163 00	
Janitors' Supplies,	36 15	
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	\$12,697 53	
Balance,	80 62	
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		\$12,778 15

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Silver Burdett Co.,	\$27 06
Ginn & Co.,	32 00
D. C. Heath & Co.,	2 49
Lyons & Callaghan,	65 48
American Book Co.,	3 73
Kingsbury Box Co.,	14 00
McMillan Co.,	2 68
Consolidated Dry Goods Co.,	13 61
H. A. Smith,	3 74
Neostyle Co.,	1 82
A. Flannagan,	4 10
Dowling School Supply Co.,	16 20
F. P. Crosby,	50
Current Events,	7 00
Warner & Dolan,	1 40
Houghton Mifflin Co.,	91
Oval & Koster Co.,	17 33
Wright & Potter,	95
Milton Bradley Co.,	4 97
C. C. Bradley,	87
E. E. Babb & Co.,	187 84

H. P. Goddard,	\$5 73	
E. W. Goodhue,	39 38	
L. E. Knott App. Co.,	24 88	
Mildred Pierpont,	2 50	
Coburn & Graves,	1 60	
	<hr/>	\$482 77

## MUSIC.

Grace M. Larkin,	\$419 00	
Ginn & Co.,	9 99	
Albert Schawber,	3 30	
C. C. Birchard,	2 96	
Oliver Ditson,	2 24	
Arthur Smidt,	4 64	
	<hr/>	\$442 13

## SUNDRIES.

E. P. Larkin,	\$1 20	
N. E. Tel. & Tel Co.,	13 89	
G. H. Warner,	1 00	
G. F. Dolan,	5 00	
A. Bailey,	20	
Tower & Warner,	9 00	
Sears, Roebuck Co.,	8 70	
Elsie Witherell,	14	
Nellie Dolan,	29	
F. D. Keyes & Son,	3 00	
Town of Williamsburg, water,	86 00	
H. A. Smith,	2 00	
Arthur F. Lovering,	4 00	
E. W. Goodhue,	23 05	
Helen Nash Hinds, play-ground,	45 00	
H. T. Drake,	30	
Francis Putnam, census,	7 00	
Joseph Goodhue, census,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$217 77

## FUEL.

H. L. Merritt,	\$8 00	
D. E. Clary,	23 85	
T. I. Breckenridge,	470 90	
Bradford Lumber Co.,	6 16	
J. R. Mansfield,	329 03	
Byron Loomis,	43 00	
Edward Miller,	6 34	
F. E. Sanderson,	15 50	
M. N. Adams,	18 75	
	<hr/>	\$921 53

## JANITORS.

Henry Danscereau,	\$294 00	
A. Bailey,	480 00	
Alton L. Warner,	18 00	
Ruth V. Hemenway,	10 50	
Elizabeth Young,	10 50	
Mrs. Mary Smart,	10 50	
Richard Breckenridge,	2 50	
Bennie Miller,	7 00	
Joseph Bartofsky,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$836 00

## TEACHERS' RETIREMENT.

Teachers' Retirement Fund,	\$163 00
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## TRANSPORTATION.

S. A. Clark,	\$193 50	
Northampton Street R. W. Co.,	300 00	
E. P. Hemenway,	120 00	
Henry Goodwin,	105 00	
Robert L. Rice,	126 00	
	<hr/>	\$844 50

## JANITORS' SUPPLIES.

T. M. Carter,	\$ 80	
Sheehan & Mosher,	7 02	
R. F. Burke,	6 53	
A. Bailey,	3 75	
J. A. Sullivan,	6 55	
United States Envelope Co.,	11 50	
	<hr/>	\$36 15

## ELECTRIC CURRENT.

Mill River Electric Light Co.,	\$22 65
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## CLEANING.

Henry Danscereau,	\$30 00	
C. A. Nichols,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$31 00

## REPAIRS.

Tower & Warner,	\$2 12
G. H. Warner,	1 00
Hubert Smith,	1 50
Graves Bros.,	8 50
Bradford Lumber Co.,	1 32
B. L. Dobbs,	38 30
Ruth Hemenway,	15
P. J. Murphy,	40 10
A. Bailey,	4 15
Louis Cranson,	96 65
J. J. Ball,	3 36
Thayer Mfg. Co.,	4 33
Allen L. Towne,	47 78
E. W. Goodhue,	38 74
Henry Danscereau,	11 35



Columbia School Supply Co.,	\$88 13	
H. E. Bradford,	2 82	
J. Hollenback, transformer,	10 00	
J. A. Sullivan,	63	
	<hr/>	\$400 93

## SUPERINTENDENT.

E. W. Goodhue,	\$750 00
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## TEACHERS.

## Williamsburg High :

Edward P. Larkin, Jr.,	\$1,000 00
Anna T. Dunphy,	520 00
Mildred Pierpont,	480 00
Mildred Pierpont, Teachers' retirement,	40 00

## Williamsburg Grammar :

Nellie Dolan,	\$433 50
Dorothy Bosworth,	316 00
Dorothy Bosworth, Teachers' retirement,	33 00
Elsie H. Witherell,	423 00

## Williamsburg Primary :

Katherine V. Riley,	444 00
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## Skinnerville :

Elizabeth Young,	\$166 50
Elizabeth Young, Teachers' retirement,	18 50
M. Sydney Trow,	144 00
M. Sydney Trow, Teachers' retirement,	16 00

## Nash Street :

Alice M. Plimpton,	370 00
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## Searsville :

Ruth Hemenway,	210 00
Rena B. Taylor,	176 00

## Mountain Street :

Esther E. Johnson,	369 00
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Haydenville High Grammar:	
E. Clifton Witt,	\$283 50
P. J. Leahey,	17 50
Minnie Chapel,	145 00
Marjorie Page,	9 60
Haydenville Intermediate:	
Helen G. Ryan,	444 00
Haydenville 3rd Primary:	
Helen T. Kennedy,	407 00
Maple Street, Haydenville:	
Ethel Curry,	407 00
Purrington School:	
Elizabeth Purrington,	407 00
Elizabeth Purrington, Teachers' re- tirement,	37 00
Haydenville 2nd Primary:	
Elizabeth Young,	166 50
Elizabeth Young, Teachers' retirement,	18 50
E. Lilian Curtis,	210 00
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# Report of Superintendent of Schools

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*To the School Committee of Williamsburg:*

GENTLEMEN:—

The customary annual report of the superintendent of schools is respectfully submitted for your consideration and approval. The report includes generally the time intervening between January 1, 1916 and January 1, 1917, the statistical table includes the school year ending in June 1916 only.

The usual number of schools has been maintained through the year and the character of their work has been very satisfactory and well up to the standard set in previous years. As the town has very wisely adopted the policy of retaining as long as possible those teachers who have proved successful and profitable, good results are continually insured.

While it is undoubtedly true that in some towns the placing of resident teachers in charge of the schools has not resulted satisfactorily and has often been the cause of trouble it is very far from true here. A more faithful and competent body of teachers than that composed of our residents would be difficult to find. Of the seventeen instructors employed in this town more than half are citizens of it, and every one good. Only three new ones were engaged this year and these have proved very satisfactory indeed.

Considering the attractions offered teachers in larger places, it is quite remarkable that we are able to secure and retain so efficient a corps.

It will doubtless be noticed that the aggregate attendance in the schools has decreased since the last report. This is principally due to four causes:—the fact that no holiday can now be considered a school day; that an increased number leave the schools to work in the shops and factories as soon as they reach the age of fourteen; the occurring of several epidemic diseases; and an error in printing figures in the last statistical table. The registers show that non-attendance was largely due to illness. In this connection it may be well to call attention to the apparent carelessness, indifference or ignorance of some parents relative to the matter of proper precaution against the spread of disease. In some cases this is little short of criminal and evidences a disregard of the lives and health of others which demands drastic measures to overcome. Our schools are continually interrupted and broken up by epidemics which might easily be prevented, were even ordinary precautions taken. There were nearly thirty pupils absent from our schools because of illness at one time during the past year, and investigation seemed to indicate that all was the result of sending to school one pupil known to be ill with a contagious disease.

The membership of the out-schools varies so constantly in size and composition that it is difficult in some to ascertain exactly the progress made. It is, however, certain that all have been in charge of competent and faithful teachers. The excellent conditions mentioned in the report of last year as prevailing in the High School continue. We certainly have a high school which is not only greatly profitable but also a source of justifiable pride to the citizens. A class of twenty-six was graduated in June, sixteen from the full four-years course and ten from the two-years. Of these, four are now attending college,

two, normal schools, four are taking a commercial course, one is in the Smith Agricultural School, and one is doing post-graduate work in the High School. It was expected that the graduating of so large a class would materially lessen the number attending this year, but this did not occur, the present membership nearly equaling that of last year. With very few exceptions, the pupils show an excellent and praiseworthy spirit and an appreciation of the advantages afforded them by the town and the interest and courtesy of the teachers.

This school is a fine illustration of the desirable conditions and results possible with capable and faithful teachers, and the efficient service and unselfish interest manifested by the present force merits the highest appreciation of the people. Satisfactory as the school now is it would become almost worthless in a short time were incompetent instructors and disciplinarians placed in charge of it.

The graduation exercises held in the assembly hall were of the usual excellence and an appreciative audience crowded the room. All parts were well taken, while the music furnished for the occasion by the glee clubs and the class under the direction of Supervisor Miss Larkin served to prove the high character of the instruction received. The athletics directed by the regular teachers have maintained the high standard of former years. The success of the various clubs in contests with others has been quite remarkable while the members have gained an enviable record for fairness in play and courteous conduct. It is undoubtedly true that the athletic sports add greatly to the attractiveness of the school and serve to increase membership. It would be difficult indeed to secure another athletic director the equal of Principal Larkin.

Ten non-resident pupils are now in attendance upon the school. The instruction in music in charge of Miss Larkin continues satisfactory and profitable. The regu-



lar teachers faithfully carry out her directions and cordially coöperate with her. It should be understood that Miss Larkin contributes much time to this work in addition to that given in the performance of regular duty, the drilling of glee clubs and pupils for special occasions is purely gratuitous. Attention is specially called to the report following this.

Our schools still suffer from the constant drain imposed by the shops and manufactories, many children leaving them to work in these at just the time when the school work is most profitable to them. This circumstance is responsible in large measure for the decrease of aggregate attendance.

There appears to be an unusual demand for unskilled labor and the opportunity thus afforded to aid in paying family expenses, often needed, is utilized by many.

While it is difficult to continue instruction in agriculture without a regular trained supervisor, considerable has been given. Still believing that this is of great value not alone to those intending to engage in farming but also to everyone contemplating entry upon a business career, the work will be continued so far as possible. Agent MacDougall of the Farm Bureau has freely contributed of his time in visiting the schools, giving much valuable advice and many suggestions. The special agent of the Bureau, Mr. Wetherbee, visited a large number of school gardens and several of our citizens, teachers and others, gratuitously undertook to inspect them during the summer. Much good work was done by members of the various clubs organized and directed by the M. A. C. and Extension Service. The annual exhibition of products raised and made by members of the School Industrial Club given in the town hall was the largest and best ever held. The attendance was large and great interest was shown. While the speaker engaged for the evening was unable to be present because of illness yet the exer-

cises were enjoyed by all present. The songs by the school children under the immediate direction of their teachers and Miss Larkin added much to the evening's entertainment. Rev. Mr. Pierpont placed the club under special obligation to him by consenting to give the address of the evening with practically no previous notice, it is needless to say that his remarks were instructive and interesting.

While the contributions from the various organizations to the premium fund was generous yet the large number of exhibitors necessitates very small awards. There were between one and two hundred different exhibitors.

The children's exhibit at the Three County Fair excelled any before given, unfortunately the Williamsburg children because of lack of special direction and supervision did not make a large showing.

The furnishing of the Searsville house with new, modern desks and seats with the laying of a new floor and other improvements has made it much more attractive, comfortable and sanitary, repairs were also made at Nash Street with like effect, other than the painting of the Mountain Street house, these constitute the principal repairs of the year.

While it is very evident that the cost of maintaining our schools is constantly increasing, it is also true that the increase has not been commensurate with that of labor and material generally. A comparison of the increase in teachers' salaries with that in the wages of skilled or day laborers will show it to be small. While many classes profit largely by the high prices of nearly everything, the salaried person is the marked exception. Many cities and towns are now voluntarily giving the teachers larger salaries even though contracts for the year were made with them.

When we consider that a teacher is usually employed but thirty-six weeks of the year and is obliged to support herself the remaining sixteen without income, a salary of

ten dollars a week after paying board and other necessary expense amounting to six or eight dollars a week, in addition to those incurred in attendance upon conventions and other meetings which is expected by the State, does not leave a large remainder for purchase of clothing or deposit in a savings bank. When the farmer receives more for the products of his farm, the merchant more for his wares, and the workman more for his labor, justice demands that the teacher receive more for her professional services. The cost of most school supplies has doubled or more than doubled during the past year and the end is not yet in sight.

It may prove interesting to note the table following this report which shows the expenditure for public schools by towns whose property valuation approximates that of Williamsburg. In this table column A gives the expenditure for each pupil in average membership from the amount raised by local taxation; column B, expenditure per pupil from all sources; column C, amount of valuation per pupil; column D, expenditure per \$1,000 valuation for school support from local taxation; column E, rate of taxation per \$1,000.

It is desired before closing this report to mention the almost phenomenal record made in the Nash Street School for the months beginning October 16 and November 13 during which there occurred not a single case of absence, tardiness or dismissal.

In closing your superintendent wishes to express his hearty appreciation of the assistance and coöperation of the members of the school committee, teachers and the many courtesies shown him by the citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. GOODHUE,

Superintendent of Schools.



## COMPARATIVE TABLE OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

Towns.	A	B	C	D	E
Williamsburg,	\$22.38	\$33.27	\$3,145	\$7.12	\$22.00
Belchertown,	19.27	27.05	2,453	7.76	22.00
Brimfield,	29.35	34.46	4,458	6.58	20.00
Northfield,	27.70	36.76	5,485	5.08	21.60
Shelburne,	28.92	36.68	6,452	4.48	15.00
W. Brookfield,	28.80	49.10	6,185	4.66	19.00

The total cost per pupil in average membership in the public day schools of the state is \$49.79.

## SUMMARY OF TESTS OF HEARING AND SIGHT.

Total number of pupils examined,	392
Number found defective in eyesight,	29
Number found defective in hearing,	15
Number of parents or guardians notified,	39
Number of different teachers employed during year,	19
Number who were graduated from college,	3
Number who were graduated from normal school,	5
Number who attended normal school without graduating,	5
Number who were graduated from high school only.	6
Number of different resident pupils attending the schools,	441
Number over sixteen years of age attending,	26

## CENSUS OF SEPTEMBER 1916.

Number of children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 years,	392
Number between the ages of 5 and 7 years,	
Boys,	27
Girls,	36

Number between the ages of 7 and 14 years,	
Boys,	138
Girls,	127
Number between the ages of 14 and 16 years,	
Boys,	36
Girls,	28

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## REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Superintendent E. W. Goodhue:

DEAR SIR:—With great pleasure I submit to you my report on the Music in our schools for the past year.

The work in general has been very satisfactory. Splendid results have been accomplished in almost every room.

A great deal is expected of both pupils and teachers and the results attained in the various schools prove the interest and ability of the teacher and of the pupils under her jurisdiction. It is quite impossible to obtain a commendable standard in any subject if the daily teacher does not keep up her part of the work.

Every child has a love for good music and will do his utmost to make the singing in his room the best ever. Add to the child's interest and love of music the intelligent guidance of a good daily teacher, excellent results are invariably derived. Leave the week's plan with a teacher who does not understand music and who will not enter into the spirit of the work, the pupils will soon lose interest.

Music requires a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and interest on the part of the teacher as well as the pupil and I am very pleased to say that about all of our teachers show ability and willingness to carry out instructions left for the daily practice period.

The daily recitation in music is a supervised study period which enables children to work much more intelligently than when left to their own resources.

A written report on Music cannot show the actual good obtained from this subject. In order to appreciate the real value of its worth, Music must be heard. Besides singing songs there is a great deal of training in the technical line of work which develops a great many qualities in a child both mentally and physically.

We have had several visitors this past year, people whose opinions are worth a great deal. In every instance I am pleased to say their comments have been entirely favorable to the work being done here.

Practically every school is up to the standard, despite the delay in commencing on time. However it has been rather difficult to keep the work up in one or two schools, in one instance on account of change of teachers; in the other, changes necessitated by pupils moving away and new ones coming in, thereby breaking up the school a great deal.

The High School Chorus at Commencement time usually shows the culmination of the year's work. Graduation last June brings us back to a chorus which did very creditable work. Having graduated a class of twenty-six students, the largest class ever to go out at one time, it left us in September with a great many good voices to be found to fill the places of those who had left. We had, last year, two very good Glee Clubs which showed their ability in a concert given in the Town Hall last spring. Those who attended said they heard the best singing done by the High School for a long while in a concert well worth hearing. The proceeds of the entertainment cleared up the Victrola account including records, also Music bought for the occasion.

The Chorus is doing very well this term and we hope by graduation time to be able to render our songs in just as praiseworthy manner as choruses of past years.

The work in the lower grades is very important as is all foundation work. Beginning from the first grade

the little folks are taught to breathe properly and to produce good tone quality. The tone in this grade is not very strong, volume develops with the child's strength, so, always with the idea of a sweet, round, clear tone in mind we aim to develop in the child a love for good Music and good voices according to the ability of the pupils.

We begin in the first grade to teach all scale tones so that the pupils are able to sing any of the eight tones by number dictation and to read from the staff the complete scale with the knowledge of the time values of the quarter, half, dotted half and whole note, song material consisting of fifty or more rote songs.

The second grade master the reading of more difficult intervals adding the second time motion represented by two eighth notes to their first knowledge of time values. In both of these grades the "check mark" is used to tell where "Do" is found.

On reaching the third grade the children are taught how to find "Do" from the key signatures in all of the fifteen keys and to use the third time motion represented by a dotted quarter and an eighth note alone and in combination with the first and second motions.

The fourth grade use books for song material. Pupils first master tune by note, then apply words. Chromatic tones and key names are taught and we also have good two-part singing in this grade.

In the fifth grade comes the second step in Chromatics Arithemtic in Music and common time.

The sixth grade learn to place the key signatures on the staff, to write chromatic scales, compound time and the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh time motions and to re-write all time motions on basis of any given note. Song material here includes two and three-part selections.

In the seventh grade we use different phases of time including syncopation and various modifications and combinations of notes.

The eighth and last grade before entering High School completes the grade course by writing major and minor scales, reading the Bass and Tenor clefs and the lives of the composers. In all grades individual sight singing is used and from the fourth grade on, musical terms of time and expression are taught.

This year a training class will be started in the Spring which will be opened to pupils of the graduating classes only. The instruction in this class will include a thorough review of all the work, from the first through the eighth grade with an additional course in Music Appreciation and Harmony.

In concluding, I wish to express my deep appreciation of the untiring efforts of the teachers and of their ready compliance in doing their share to make this very important subject a success. To the pupils I wish to extend my sincere gratitude for their eagerness and willingness to do good work. My thanks is also due to you, Mr. Goodhue and to the members of the school board for their assistance.

Very truly,

GRACE M. LARKIN.



# SCHOOL STATISTICS 1915-1916

SCHOOLS	Boys Enrolled	Girls Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Aggregate Attendance	Wards
Williamsburg High.....	38	40	67.27	62.28	92.58	11,817.5	1
Grammar.....	12	14	23.52	21.33	90.69	3,639.0	1
Intermediate.....	10	19	25.18	24.19	96.06	4,091.5	1
Second Primary.....	12	12	21.02	19.55	93.01	3,334.0	4
First Primary.....	16	15	27.17	23.81	87.63	4,087.0	5
Searsville.....	10	11	19.17	17.55	91.55	3,036.0	1
Nash Street.....	10	3	11.75	11.18	95.15	1,931.5	5
Mountain Street.....	7	4	6.72	5.56	82.74	943.5	1
Skinnerville.....	4	5	8.63	7.96	92.24	1,380.5	5
Haydenville High Grammar.....	15	17	27.85	26.66	95.73	4,528.0	4
Grammar.....	10	19	23.95	22.03	91.98	3,757.0	4
Intermediate.....	15	31	38.96	35.95	92.27	6,138.0	2
Third Primary.....	20	19	26.66	24.32	91.22	4,130.5	2
Second Primary.....	13	22	25.55	23.22	90.88	3,957.5	2
First Primary.....	21	20	33.01	30.22	91.55	5,060.5	4
Totals .....	213	251	386.41	355.81	92.08	61,832.0	32

## REPORTS OF SCHOOL PHYSICIANS.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue,

Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—The following is my annual report as School Physician.

Total number of pupils examined,	189
Number having decayed teeth needing attention,	18
Number with diseased tonsils and adenoids,	9
Number not vaccinated,	10

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HAYES, M. D.

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Mr. E. W. Goodhue,

Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—I submit herewith my annual report as School Physician.

Total number of pupils examined,	191
Number not vaccinated,	20
Number of cases of tonsils and adenoids,	25
Number of cases of Pediculi Capitis,	2
Number of cases of poor teeth,	41

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WHEELER, M. D.

It should be noted that the number of pupils reported above as not vaccinated include those holding certificates exempting them from vaccination, also that some reported have since been duly vaccinated.

# GRADUATING EXERCISES OF WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL.

Helen E. James School Building, June 22, 1916.

CLASS MOTTO, Four Years' Course, "Wer Wagt Gewinnt."

CLASS MOTTO, Two Years' Course, "Knowledge is Power."

## PROGRAM.

Song,	High School Chorus
Prayer,	Rev. John Pierpont.
Salutatory,	Jennie E. Gifford
Song,	Girls' Glee Club
Class History,	Philip M. Purrington
Class History,	Ruth G. Brooks
Song,	Boys' Glee Club
Class Prophecy,	Tressa A. Dobbs
Prophecy on Prophetess,	Mary E. Ryan
Class Song,	Words by Ruth G. Brooks.
Class Prophecy,	Dorothy F. Rhoades
Prophecy on Prophetess,	Clarence J. Larkin
Class Song,	Words by Belle J. Bates
Valedictory,	Kenneth W. Nash
Valedictory,	Jennie C. Kiely
Announcement of Prizes,	Prin. E. P. Larkin
Presentation of Diplomas,	Supt. E. W. Goodhue
Benediction,	Rev. Robert E. Life

## CLASS OFFICERS.

### FOUR YEARS' COURSE.

President, Clarence J. Larkin.  
 Vice-President, Jennie C. Kiely.  
 Secretary, Martin J. Dunphy.  
 Treasurer, Ruth G. Brooks.



## MEMBERS OF CLASS.

Jennie Catherine Riley,	Henry Edward Pritchard,
Ruth Gladys Brooks,	Michael Stephen O'Brien,
Rachel Viola Hemenway,	Maria Evelyn Bisbee,
Carl Marshall Hemenway,	Dorothy Frances Rhoades,
Cecil Clarence Loomis,	Roger Lewis Culver,
Waldo William Warner,	Thomas Edward Wells,
May Benoit,	Joseph Murphy,
Clarence James Larkin,	Martin James Dunphy.

Class Colors, Purple and Gold.

Class Flower, Red Rose.

## TWO YEARS' COURSE.

President, Kenneth W. Nash.

Vice-President, Jennie E. Gifford.

Secretary, Philip M. Purrington.

Treasurer, Mary E. Ryan.

## MEMBERS OF CLASS.

Kenneth White Nash,	Mary Ellen Elizabeth Ryan,
Philip Morris Purrington,	Harold Stearns Smiley,
Belle Josephine Bates,	Tressa Alberta Dobbs,
Harold Clifton Smart,	Edmund Dennis Ryan,
Jennie Eloise Gifford,	Kenneth Leslie Damon.

Class Colors, Crimson and Gray.

Class Flower, Yellow Rose.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 1917-1918.

1917.

September 4,—First term begins.

October 12,—Columbus Day, Holiday.

November 29-30,—Thanksgiving Recess.

December 21,—First term closes.

1918.

January 7,—Second term begins.

February 22,—Washington's Birthday, Holiday.

March 15,—Second term of grade schools closes.

March 22,—Second term of High School closes.

April 1,—Third term begins.

April 19,—Patriots' Day, Holiday.

May 30,—Memorial Day, Holiday.

June 7,—Third term of grade schools closes.

June 28,—Third term of High School closes.

Days to be observed with appropriate exercises.

February 12,—Lincoln's Birthday.

April 12,—For Band of Mercy Day.

May 17,—For Peace Day.

May 29,—Patriotic Exercises.

June 4,—Flag Day.

Arbor Day.

This calendar is subject to change by the School Committee.

Teachers are expected to follow it strictly unless otherwise instructed by the School Committee or Superintendent.

Teachers closing school for an entire session on other than regular holidays for any reason, will notify the Superintendent of Schools in advance if possible.